

03500.014744



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHINYA YAMAMOTO, et al.) Examiner: Q. Grainger
Application No.: 09/650,752) Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: August 29, 2000) Confirmation No.: 2467
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) RCE Filed: July 18, 2003
COMPRISING MEANS FOR DETECTING :
AN AMOUNT OF DEVELOPER CONTAINED)
IN A DEVELOPER CONTAINER, A :
MEMORY FOR STORING THE AMOUNT)
DETECTED BY THE DETECTING MEANS, :
AND CONTROL MEANS FOR UPDATING)
THE INFORMATION STORED IN THE :
MEMORY) July 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop RCE
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED
JUL 29 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be further amended as follows: